

NOTE: THE NEXT DEADLINE DATE IS A HOLIDAY WITH NO MAIL DELIVERY.

GRAUSTARK

#176 1967U, 1968G, 1968J, 1968BD, 1968CH, -CI, & -CL 8 February 1969

1968CI "Spring 1902"

FRENCH OUT OF MUNICH & ON THE LOOSE

ENGLAND (Grayson): F North Sea-Hol; A Bel S F North Sea-Hol; F Norway-Ska; F Lon-North Sea; F Edi-Norwegian Sea.

FRANCE (Clark): A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur; F Bre-Mid; A Mun-Kie; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes.

GERMANY (Reiter): F Den-Hel; A Ber-Mun; A Ruh S A Ber-Mun; A Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Prosnitz): F Nap-Apu; A Ven-Tri; F Tun-Ion; A Tyr-Vie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Birsan): A Tri S A Vie; A Vie S A Tri; A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; F Gre-Ion.

RUSSIA (Bytwerk): A Rum S TURKISH A Bul-Ser; F Bla S TURKISH A Con-Bul; A Gal-Bud; A Sev S A Rum; A St.P & F Swe hold.

TURKEY (Ver Ploeg): F Ank-Con; A Bul-Ser; A Con-Bul; F Smy-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German army in Holland is annihilated, and France retreats A Mun-Sil. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1969.

1968G "Winter 1908"

ENGLAND (Walker): Removes F St.F.
RUSSIA (Prosnitz): Builds A Mos, A War.

TURKEY (Lebling): Retreats F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1969.

1968CL "Spring 1902"

GERMAN ARMY ENTERS FRANCE

ENGLAND (Schelz): F Mid-Eng; A Edi-Norway; F North Sea C A Edi-Norway.

FRANCE (Ward): F Por-Mid; A Spa-Gas; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Par holds; A Pic holds ((sic; no such unit exists)); A Bre not ordered, holds.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): A Bel-Bur; F Hol-Bel; F Kie-Hol; F Ber-Kie; A Mun S A Bel-Bur; A Den holds.

ITALY (Comber): A Tri S A Tyr; A Tyr & A Ven S A Tri; F Nap-Ion; F Tun S F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McLeod): F Gre-Alb; A Ser S F Gre-Alb; A Vie S TURKISH A Rum-Gal; A Bud S A Vie.

RUSSIA (Manogg): F Swe-Norway; A St.P S F Swe-Norway; A Mos S A Ukr; A Ukr S A Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Con-Bul; F Smy-Aeg; A Rum-Gal; A Sev-Rum; F Bla-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1969.

1968J "Winter 1908"

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): Builds F Lon.
ITALY (Gemignani): Builds F Rom.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): Builds A Bud.

TURKEY (White): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1969.

1967J

"Fall 1918"

RUSSIANS TAKE BELGIUM: GERMANS TAKE STEPS

GERMANY (M. Miller): A St.P-Mos; A Pru-War; F Den-North Sea; A Ber-Mun; A Kie S A Ber-Mun; F Bal S ITALIAN A Liv; A Mun-Tyr; A Sil-Boh; A Mar-Bur.

ITALY (Clark): F Mid-Eng; A Liv S GERMAN A Pru-War; A Pie & A Ven S GERMAN A Mun-Tyr; F Adr-Tri; F Ion holds; F Apu, F Nap, & F Tun S F Ion; A Tus S A Ven.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Ruh-Bel; A Mos-Liv; A War S A Mos-Liv; A Sev-Mos.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Boh-Sil; A Gal S RUSSIAN A War; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Sev; A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Vie-Tyr; A Ser S A Tri; F Eas-Ion; F Alb & F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Gre S F Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers control the same supply centers as they did after "1917", except that Germany and Russia have exchanged Belgium and Munich. (See GRAUSTARK #174.) The deadline for "Spring 1919" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1969. Germany builds A Bar.

1968CH

"Fall 1902"

AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS EXPEL TURKS FROM BALKANS

Following "Spring" moves France retreated A Bur-Par.

ENGLAND (Linden): A Edi-Norway; F Norwegian Sea C A Edi-Norway; F North Sea-Den; F Ska S F North Sea-Den; F Hol-Kie.

FRANCE (Berman): A Par-Bur; A Mar holds; F Spa(s.c.) S A Mar; F Mid-North Africa.

GERMANY (D. Johnston): F Den-Kie; A Kie-Ber; A Ruh-Hol; A Bur S ITALIAN A Pie-Mar.

ITALY (White): F Tyr-Ion; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Pie-Mar; A Apu holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): A Ukr-Rum; A Gal S A Ukr-Rum; A Vie-Bud; A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul.

RUSSIA (C. Johnson): F Bal-Swe; A Mos S A War; A War S A Mos.

TURKEY (McLeod): F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; A Sev-Mos; A Bul S F Rum; F Rum S A Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey retreats A-Bul-Con, F Rum-Bla. Germany retreats F Den-Hel or F Den-Bal; the direction of this retreat is to be submitted with the "Winter 1902" builds and removals, which may be conditional on its direction. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)
Nor. (6) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre,

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. Rum, Tri, Vie. (6)

(5) RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Swe, War. (4)

GERMANY: Ber, Kie, Mun. (3) TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

England, France, Austria-Hungary, and Russia may each build one unit, and Germany and Turkey must each remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1969.

THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter LXVI

Having come 10,000 miles for the convention of the Tarpeia Society, that ancient international brotherhood of spies and secret agents, O-O-Hate did not for any light reason sneak out of the session. He had wanted to hear Prof. Philopolemos of Greece deliver his paper on "Differential Appeals to War for Liberals and Conservatives: An American Case Study". But, just as the distinguished Hellenic scholar began to speak, O-O-Hate picked up a clue to the mysteries surrounding this convention.

Clutching the handbill distributed by the subversives who were attempting to unionize the espionage profession, he crept through the streets of Siunik. At the bottom of the leaflet his quick eye had caught an almost invisible mark and recognized it for what it was: the Chinese symbols for **that rare Oriental delicacy, chicken chow dog.**

Did this have anything to do with the fact that neither Chinese delegation had yet arrived at the convention?

Quickly Secret Agent O-O-Hate, who is actually Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania, hurried to the only Chinese restaurant in Siunik. It stood on the corner of Ulitsa Brezhnevskaya (formerly Khrushchevsky Prospekt) and Federnales Expressway (formerly Hyannis Boulevard). A sign over the door proclaimed it to be "Fyu Men Kan Chu's Chinese Restaurant".

O-O-Hate peered through the window and saw a shocking sight. There was his teen-age assistant Burner (otherwise Victor Charlie Burner, a student at the Blessed Balthazar Gerard Theological Seminary) sharing a pot of tea with the sinister beautiful Chinese-Jewish spy queen Miao Katz!

Was there a plot afoot to seduce his impressionable young assistant away from the American Way of War and into the services of the sinister forces of World Peace?

((Was there? Continue following O-O-Hate through the mazes of international intrigue in the next issue of GRAUSTARK.))

I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER

At the time the new GRAUSTARK games were started, all players were asked to send in their telephone numbers so the Gamesmaster could contact them if their moves were late. The following players gave their numbers with the specification that they may be printed:

Hugh Anderson: 517-482-8714 George Schelz: 914-PE 8-4318
Terry Kuch: 301-OL 6-5845

Other players who sent their phone numbers were:

Donald Berman	John Koning
John Feshara	James Latimer (Maryland only)
Edi Birsan	Bill Linden
Frank Clark	Harry Manogg
Margaret Gemignani	Eugene Prosnitz
George Heap	Rod Walker
Charles Johnson	W. Gerald White
David Johnston	

Other players who wish to send their phone numbers to the Gamesmaster are invited to do so. And, if they wish their numbers made public, so that other players can contact them more easily, they should let the Gamesmaster know.

"I don't care if it's wet and squishy, long as I've got my Maharishi!"

A full list of addresses of GRAUSTARK Diplomacy players may be found in GRAUSTARK #164, with changes in later issues.

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DIRECTORY OF UNFAMILIAR QUOTATIONS - VII

In Erechwon III, #5, Rod Walker describes GRAUSTARK as having "reams of anti-establishment...anti-war, anti-Walker...propaganda". Your Gamesmaster is sensitive to this criticism, and with this column continues to do his best to present pro-war views also.

"Hail to war! It is only through war that man was able to rise from the lowest depths to his present dignity and worth. Over the body of a fallen foe he had the first vision of glory and immortality." - Pierre Proudhon

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"When the Northern man, with his taste for doing and overcoming, comes into contact with the tropical man, with his taste for submitting and enduring, the tropical man always submits. To rail against this purely natural phenomenon and to talk about right and wrong in connection with it is as fruitless as to rail against the changes in the seasons. It should be accepted as a fact, and programs for change should be based on this fact as a point of departure." - Henry Cabot Lodge, Harper's, January 1930

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"The lesson which can be drawn here is one that the rest of the world, I am sure, has drawn more quickly than Americans have - that, to paraphrase H. Rap Brown, bombing is as American as cherry pie. If you invite us in to do your hard fighting for you, then you get bombing along with our troops." - Daniel Ellsberg, Defense Department consultant, New York Times, 4 February 1969

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"Lyndon Johnson is pondering whether his mistake in Vietnam policy was in waiting too long to commit American ground troops...the President tells visitors he does not question the wisdom of U. S. intervention in Vietnam. He questions only whether the judgment of history will be that the U. S. acted too late." - Ted Sell, New York Post, 15 November 1968

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"If we have to start over again with Adam and Eve, then I want them to be Americans and not Russians, and I want them on this continent and not in Europe." - Senator Richard Russell, New York Post, 23 November 1968

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"We wish to glorify War - the only health giver of the world - militarism, patriotism, the destructive arm of the Anarchist, the beautiful Ideas that kill, the contempt for woman." - The Futurist Manifesto, 1909.

1968BD

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"1909"

WAR ENDS IN DRAW

"Spring"

ENGLAND (Comber): F Mid-Eng; F North Atlantic-Mid; F North Sea holds; A Den-Liv; F Bal C A Den-Liv; A Gal S FRENCH A Tyr-Vic; A War-Mos; A Ukr S A War-Mos.

FRANCE (Komada): A Tyr-Vic; A Boh S A Tyr-Vic; A Mun-Tyr; A Sil S ENGLISH A Gal; F Tyr-Wes; F Tus-Tyr; F Tun S F Tus-Tyr; F North Africa S F Tun; A Mar-Tus; F Lyo C A Mar-Tus; A Pic S A Mar-Tus.

ITALY (Berman): F Adr-Alb; F Apu-Adr; F Nap S F Ion; A Bud S TURKISH A Vic; A Tri S A Ven; A Ven S F Rom; "F Rom S FRANCE TO STALEMATE".

RUSSIA (Linden): A Rum-Gal; A Sev-Rum; F Arm-Sev.

TURKEY (Birsan): A Alb-Apu; F Ion C A Alb-Apu; A Con-Bul; F Bla S RUSSIAN F Arm-Sev; A Vic S RUSSIAN A Rum-Gal.

"Fall"

ENGLAND: No moves received. All units hold.

FRANCE: No moves received. All units hold.

ITALY: A Bud & A Tri S TURKISH A Vic; A Ven & F Rom hold; F Adr S A Ven; F Nap S F Rom; F Alb S TURKISH F Ion.

RUSSIA: F Arm & A Rum S A Sev; A Sev S A Rum;

TURKEY: F Ion S ITALIAN F Nap; A Apu S ITALIAN A Ven; A Bul R RUSSIAN A Rum; F Bla S RUSSIAN A Sev; A Vic S ENGLISH A Gal-Boh.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, ITALY: Bud, Gre, Nap, Rom, Tri, Nor, St.P, Swe, War. (9) Ser. Ven. (7)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie, RUSSIA: Rum, Sev. (2)

Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy, (1) Vic. (5)

England builds A Lon, and Russia removes F Arm. The game was then generally agreed to be a stalemate. This is the second five-nation stalemate in postal Diplomacy, the first having been 1967V. The supply center chart and roster are:

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E	3	4	4	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	E - Peter Comber
F	3	6	7	8	3	10	10	10	11	11	F - Bob Komada
G	3	5	5	3	2						G - Bill Linden (out F05)
I	3	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	I - Donald Berman
A	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	1			A - Gene Prosnitz
R	4	6	6	6	6	4	3	3	3	2	(out F08)
T	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	R - Robert Champer
											(dro 05)
											Bill Linden
											T - Edi Birsan

The Gamesmaster was John Beshara, who conducted the game by telephone and mailed the moves out to the players.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

BRENTON VER FLOEG, US 54928214, Co C., 125th Sig. Bn., 25th Inf. Div., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96225: Allow me to testify that the Vietnamese themselves spell it 'Vietnam' - at least the ones in this area, which is admittedly former Liberation Front territory. Furthermore, the Saigon government itself, as measured by the propaganda leaflets it disseminates, cannot decide just how the name should be represented - a large failing, even for the standards of modern-day bureaucracy. In about half the cases, they spell it 'Viet-Nam'. The other half of the cases are divided between 'Vietnam' and 'Viet Nam'. Even Saigon doesn't know, so I doubt that some representatives of theirs would be any more disposed to know than the government (of sorts) that he represents.

ROD WALKER, 1575-A White Dr., Rantoul, Ill. 61866: Without the aid of a large library, I cannot identify the language Linden uses ((in a press release on p. 10 of GRAUSTARK #173)). It is obviously not Hungarian, but an Indo-Aryan tongue of the centum branch. Two words are easily identifiable: "Rag", which means "King", obviously, and "dsagom", which appears to be cognate with the German "sagen" (and the English "say"), and must mean "he said". "Deut" might mean "god", but more likely means "German(y)". Offhand, I would be inclined to identify the language as some form of Keltic, perhaps Cornish,

The only thing I can't understand is the consistent use of the ending "-om". That is reminiscent of Hungarian, but it is also true, I believe, of Finnish.

Then again...

((Nope. Any more takers?))

TERRY KUCH, 4242 East-West Highway, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015: Answer to quiz item ((in GRAUSTARK #171)): the stamp in question honored the flag-raisers on Iwo Jima; at least 2 of the Marines pictured on the stamp were still alive when the stamp was issued. One of them, Ira Hayes, later got into the news several times for being a 'forgotten and discriminated against hero'. Hayes was an American Indian.

((But much earlier a woman was depicted on a U. S. stamp during her lifetime. She was Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt Wilson, the second wife of President Woodrow Wilson. She appeared as the allegorical figure of "America" on the \$5.00 stamp issued in 1923.))

ROD WALKER: This is re: the list of countries ((submitted by Bill Linden)) in GRAUSTARK #172...

Semirechinsk: The region of Semiryechinsk no longer appears on modern maps and the Great Soviet World Atlas does not show it. It was in eastern Turkestan, centered on Kokand. In the last months of 1917 and early 1918 there was an anti-Bolshevik government at Kokand, which was later annexed to the Turkestan Soviet Republic. The Kokand Autonomous Government may have also been known as "Semityechinsk", but I have never heard that name so applied. Dates were 10 December 1917 to 20 February 1918; Prime Ministers M. Tanyshbaev (to 17 Jan.) and Mustafa Chokaev (from 17 Jan.). Was also called "Central Asian Republic". An East Kazakh Republic at Semipalatinsk, under A. Bu-keikhanov, lost its capital to the Red Army on 3 February 1918, regained it during the summer, and lost it again on 11 December 1919. During the interim, and also until March 1920, the E. K. R. headquartered at Semirechie - but again never used the regional name, to my knowledge.

VERKHNEUDINSK: There was some sort of Russian Civil War republic
(continued on p. 10)

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

There will be a Diplomacy game at our place at 1 PM, Saturday 15 February 1969. Please call in advance if you plan to come; our number is HY 9-7686.

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David R. Lindsay, 2245 Fairmont Parkway, Erie, Pennsylvania, 16510, is opening the most inexpensive postal Diplomacy games yet. They are absolutely free. Contact him for further information.

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In his testimony before a body which the navy solemnly swears is not a court, Commander Lloyd Bucher described the North Korean general who conducted his imprisonment and questioning. According to Bucher, this general ordered brutal beatings and interrogations, and once threatened to shoot his 82 crewmen one by one, to force their commander to sign a confession. Yet Bucher also said, "He would have made general officer in any army," and "probably a very good field officer".

I can easily believe it.

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As of 15 February, Jim Sanders' address will be Apt. 353, 1730 Harrison Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. 10453.

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Satire becomes difficult when, in real life, people seem inclined to outdo satire. A recent episode in "O-O-Hate" implied that President Johnson had some shingles loose on his roof. A few months before he retired, the President cornered the Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Ernst Lemberger, who is a prominent Catholic layman. In their conversation at a diplomatic reception, reported by Mayday (13 December 1968), the President asked the Ambassador, "Do you think it possible that God might come down and visit rulers today like he used to?" The Ambassador cautiously replied that the church had no record of such an event for hundreds of years. Johnson replied, "You're wrong. He visits me every morning between 3:30 and 4:30."

Now that he's out of office watch for further evidences of religious interest from Lyndon Johnson - evidences which will embarrass his few remaining admirers.

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"Thy wish, Harry, was father to that thought," said Shakespeare's Henry IV when his son told him that he had thought him dead. This may have been the motive behind an ad placed in the New York Times on 20 October 1968 by Honeywell, Inc., a computer corporation. Honeywell, which also manufactures antipersonnel bombs, cited a work by Russell and described him as deceased. Russell sued Honeywell, and won in January an out-of-court award of \$400 for the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation.

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It now appears virtually certain that 1968J will end with the "Fall 1969" moves, which will be published in GRAUSTARK #179 on 8 March 1969. The subscriptions of several players will expire soon, as a result of either the end of 1968J or the termination of their paid subscriptions. These players and the issues with which their subscriptions expire are:

Pat Casey - 184

Kevin Roark - 179

Jack Chalker - 179

Mehran Thomson Jr. - 211

Stephen Gordon - 179

Thomas Griffin - 179

Two other games, 1967U and 1968G, will also end before much longer. Players whose subscriptions will end with those games, or shortly

thereafter, are Mike Childers, Margaret Gemignani, George Heap, Steve Hueston, James Latimer, Robert Maloney, Ivan Musicant, Derek Nelson, and Richard Uhr.

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GRAYSTARK will trade on an all-for-all basis with all other postal Diplomacy or other war games bulletins. However, every few months the publishers of apparently defunct 'zines are removed from the trade list. If no copy of a 'zine has appeared here in 3 months then, failing other evidence of life, it is presumed defunct and trade relations are suspended.

Trades are presently kept up with the following postal Diplomacy publications. (Recommended 'zines are indicated with a *.)

WILD 'N' WOOLY, Charles Brannan, Apt. 1, 951 N. Oxford, Los Angeles, Calif. 90029.

ARMCHAIR GENERAL, Patrick A. Condray, 4936 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md. 20705

ATTAQUEH, Donald Cowan, 1605 8th Ave. S. W., Decatur, Ala. 35601

DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT, Dan Evans, 3405 Westchester, Bakersfield, Calif. 93309

AVTOSUTRAMENTIS, Flemming, 624 E. Green, Champaign, Ill. 61820 (parody; may be a one-shot)

THE DIPLOMAT, Eric Just, P. O. Box 131, Paoli, Okla. 73074

THE VOICE (formerly VOICE OF VIENNA), Jeff W. Key, P. O. Box 251, Eatontown, N. J. 07724

*RAGNAROK, Stab, & VALHALLA, John Koning, 917 E. Gorgas Ave., Louisville, Ohio 44641 or 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509

*THULCANDRA, Terry Kuch, 4242 East-West Highway, Chevy Chase, Md. 20015

JUTLAND JOLLIES, Robert Lake, Apt. 904, 35 Easterbrooke Ave., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada

*BROBDINGNAG, Ed Hälle, Box 903, Gainesville, Fla. 32601. (Ed Hälle has just assumed the editorship of this 'zine, which was founded by Dick Schultz and edited with great success and influence for several years by John McCallum)

THE CANADIAN WARGAMER, John Mansfield, Int. Sec. 3C1RC, CFB Gagetown, Ormocto, New Brunswick, Canada

*ACELDAMA, John McCallum, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta, Canada

XANADU, Norman McLeod, 906 Kimberwicke Rd., McLean, Va. 22101

THE GAMESLETTER, DIPLOPHOBIA, DIPLOMANIA, DIPSOMANIA, FANTASIA, HYDROPHOBIA, & SUPERCALIGRAGILISTICEXPALIDOCIOUS, Donald L. Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Md. 20906

4 DROITE A GAUCHE (or ADAG), incorporating EFGIART, CEREBRAL NEBULA, THE LOST ONE, & TS #2, Hal Naus, 1424 National Ave. #9, Chula Vista, Calif. 92010 (note new address)

*INTERNATIONAL ENQUIRER, Cliff Ollila, Apt. 6, 1501 S. 11th Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55404

XENOGOGIC, Larry Peery, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115

SPALD JR., Robert Perkins, 2755 Carlaris Road, San Marino, Calif. 91108

*COSTAGUANA, Conrad von Metzke, 3716 Columbia St., San Diego, Calif. 92103. (DIES IRAE is apparently defunct after 2 issues.)

*ERHWON, Rod Walker, 1575-A White Dr., Mantoul, Ill. 61866

*LONELY MOUNTAIN, Charles & Jane Wells, 3021 Washington Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44118

The following 'zines seem to be defunct; exchange issues of GRAUSTARK to their publishers will cease with this issue:

GLOCKORLA, David Lebling, Box 2122, 420 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Mass. 02139 (after 1 February: 156 Harvard St., Brookline, mass.)

MISKATONIC, Anders Swenson, 145 Ponderosa Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94598

STRATEGY & TACTICS, C. R. Wagner, 50 Fairfield Avenue, Albany, N. Y. 12205

AEOLUS, Monte J. Zelazny, P. O. Box 1062, Melbourne, Fla. 32901

Gary Gygas of the International Federation of Wargamers (IFW) sent a copy of the IFW Monthly (formerly The Spartan), so apparently he has resumed trading. The address is 5756 E. 7th St., Tucson, Arizona 85711.

GRAUSTARK also exchanges with The Armchair General, P. O. Box 274, Beltsville, Md. 20705.

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As you can see (or maybe as you can't see), some old and inferior stencils are being used up for this issue. There's no point on wasting high-class duplication in this publication anyhow. And it does make the words in that colophon This is, over there a little more accurate.

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Press releases are beginning to come in at a greater rate now, so GRAUSTARK #177 is being printed to accomodate them. People not currently active in GRAUSTARK games will get #176 and #177 together, in an envelope, by 3rd-class mail. If you should have received a recent issue of GRAUSTARK, and didn't, please write at once and a replacement will be sent to you.

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This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott. # 392

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A new GRAUSTARK game is now in process of organization, but all entries will be as prizes in contests. One place will go to the winner of the pseudonym contest which appeared in GRAUSTARK #175. Three more places will go to the winners of the following "Assassins' Contest". Any winner who already has an entry in the new game, or who does not wish to play, may instead get a subscription extension of 35 issues, or his choice of any 50 back issues in stock.

There has been much discussion lately in GRAUSTARK about the morality of political assassination. GRAUSTARK readers are here given a list of 10 assassins. They are challenged to match these assassins with the names of their victims, and the place and year in which the assassination took place. The person answering the most of these problems correctly will get his choice of country in the new game. The second- and third-place winners are also eligible.

1. John Bellingham

6. Ivan Platonovich Kalyayev

2. Jacques Clement

7. Bonnier La Chapelle

3. John Felton

8. Otto Planetta

4. Balthazar Gerard

9. Francois Ravalliac

5. Robert Graham

10. Raoul Villain

The deadline for entries is Saturday 8 March 1969.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH (continued from p. 6)

there, I think, after the fall of Ataman Semyenov. I cannot find any reference to it now.

KILWA: When the Sultanate of Zenz came to an end in 1513, the old capital came under Portuguese control and under their auspices a Sheikdom was formed. This East African city-state was conquered by Uman in 1830.

CENTROCASPIA: This is the name by which the British sometimes called the Transcaspien Government, 1918-1920, an anti-Bolshevik state founded at Askhabad. Capital was moved to Kizil Arvat in 1919 and to Krasnovodsk in 1920.

SOUTH-EASTERN UNION: That might be anything, including an exotic title for the C. S. A. The name was applied to a projected pre-World War I union of Balkan states, but nothing ever came of the idea. What the hell is it?

VORARLBERG: The western region of Austria, administratively separate from the Tyrol since World War II. There was, I believe, some sort of independence movement there after World War I which didn't amount to much. The Counts of Bregenz sometimes styled themselves Counts of the Vorarlberg.

SANTA CRUZ: More a project than a country. Santa Cruz de la Sierra was created an Intendency of Rio de la Plata on 28 January 1782. It became a Department of the Republic of Bolivia on 15 July 1932. One Dr. Ibañez attempted a revolution to create a republic in 1892 with no success. Another revolution, on 25 May 1921, was more successful, and a republic was proclaimed on 8 July. It was crushed before the end of the year. Other revolts (1904, 1920, 1924, 1961) have not met with success. The projected republic would consist of the present Bolivian departments of Santa Cruz and Beni. Jack Beni?

LOKOT REPUBLIC: Well, there is a small town of Lokot in the R. S. F. S. R., just east of Byelorussia. It is conceivable that some sort of republic existed there during the Russian Civil War, but I am not familiar with it.

DADRA: Two cities in India, Dadara and Dadri, are the only geographical, political, linguistic, ethnographical, tribal, or whatever else references I could find. I suspect a spelling variation. For instance, the Tatra Mountains are called "Badra" in some dialects.

((This letter will be continued in GRAUSTARK #178.))

GRAUSTARK #176

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- Heinrich von Treitschke